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**BY MESSENGER**

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary  
Department of Telecommunications and Energy  
One South Station  
Boston, MA 02110

**Re: Docket DTE 01-20**

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

On behalf of AT&T, I respectfully request that the Department take administrative notice of the enclosed regulatory filing made recently by Verizon-Rhode Island with the Federal Communications Commission.

On February 14, 2002, after the close of hearings in this proceeding, Verizon announced substantial unilateral reductions in its switching usage and line port rates for Rhode Island. The rates to which Verizon-Rhode Island has now agreed for these elements are substantially below the rates proposed in this proceeding by Verizon-Massachusetts.

I enclose the regulatory filing made on February 14, 2002, by Verizon-RI with the FCC in CC Docket 01-324, concerning Verizon's pending Section 271 application. This filing consists of a two-page cover letter to the FCC, a two-page cover letter to the Rhode Island PUC, a one-page attachment summarizing the proposed rate reductions, and three revised tariff pages. We ask the Department to take administrative notice of this filing because it is relevant to the issues raised and positions taken by Verizon in this proceeding.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Kenneth W. Salinger

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